

## TWO COUNTY SCHOOLS ARE CONSOLIDATED

**Delegations From Several Districts Before Board—Superintendent on School Conditions**

Much important work for the benefit of the county schools of Madison county was done at the regular meeting of the County Board of Education Saturday. The board voted unanimously to consolidate the schools at Narrow Gap and Pilot Knob, following appearance before it of a committee of citizens from those two communities. In the delegations were Messrs. M. J. Carrier, Hack Wilson, J. H. Million, Mack Maupin, Whit Green and Ben Boen. They agreed to furnish a new site for a two-room building to be erected near the center of the two districts, and also to build a cistern. They want an eight-grade school.

Further investigation will be done before final action is taken on a petition for consolidation of the schools at Green Oak, Black and Dozier districts. Committees from these districts appearing before the board were composed of Messrs. H. P. Dykes, Horace Dozier, R. A. House, Sam Biggerstaff, A. E. Davis, R. A. Cosby, Cale Ledford, John Tribble, J. R. Weddle and Bob Asher. They want the new school built near Red House.

A committee from Science Hill sought consolidation of the Science Hill district and part of the Black school district. In the committee before the board were Mrs. Eugene Todd, Miss Margaret Douglas, Miss Brandenburg, Ed Taylor, Charles Baldwin, Alvin Brandenburg, Starling McKinney, Leslie Long and Dr. J. H. Rutledge. Further investigation will be made before any action is taken.

A new school building as the old one is badly out of repair, was asked by a committee from Forest Hill. In this delegation were Messrs. E. H. Masters, E. C. Cosby, J. H. Million. They want a two-room building. The sum of \$700 has already been raised in the district. The members of the committee stated that they believe that they can raise more and they will endeavor to do so.

The Cane Spring district also needs a new building badly, the board was told by a committee composed of Messrs. Walter Brandenburg, Carl Willoughby and Alfred Cruse.

There was no report from the committee which had in charge the matter of the proposed consolidation of the colored schools at Berea, Middletown and Faristown.

Several vacancies in district trusteeships were filled by the board as follows:  
Bobbins—Lee Bowlin.  
Blue Lick—Wade Lewis.  
Panola—O. H. Hendren.  
Board members present at the meeting were Messrs. A. C. Daniels, Balis Wilson, W. A. Arbuttle and A. J. Million. In the absence of Secretary R. O. Moberly, County Superintendent Ben F. Edwards acted as secretary of the meeting.

A very comprehensive and illuminating report on school conditions in the county was presented by School Supervisor J. B. Harris, and was filed with the records. Prof. Harris' report is in full as follows:

**Supervisor Harris' Report**  
Richmond, Ky. Jan. 15, 1920  
To the Madison County Board of Education  
Dec. 22, 1919  
Gentlemen:

Having finished the supervision of Madison County Schools, I submit the following summary of my work since July 1919:

I have visited your schools throughout the county; many of them twice, some three times.

I find that the schools have been greatly handicapped by reason of the publishers failing to furnish books. Neither the new nor even the old adoption could be secured.

The attitude of many trustees has been a draw-back because of failure to visit the schools, or even to look after the needed repair.

The question of board has been a serious problem. In some localities the patrons absolutely refused to board the teacher. Many of your teachers had to spend half their salary for board. This is certainly embarrassing.

I regret to state that seven of

your school teachers actually "laid down on the job" and left their schools for reasons better known to themselves.

However, you have some splendid teachers who have taught excellent schools. I believe that I can safely state that three-fourths of our schools have been a success, while the remaining fourth are absolutely failures.

Your High Schools are in fairly good condition.

The communities in which they are located are highly pleased. Your Junior High Schools are doing good work. However, there is one exception, (the Kingston School) which under the law, has ceased to be up to the standard; there being no High School pupils. It should be closed with other two-room schools, until it has pupils in the higher grades.

Prof. Frost, of the George Peabody School, and I visited the schools and made a test in arithmetic, reading and language; the result of which showed conclusively that all our schools are weak in language and arithmetic. These branches are fundamental, and should receive more attention.

Owing to the young and inexperienced teachers, by whom many of the schools are taught, it is important that you keep constantly some one in the field working.

The tendency of the day is toward consolidation whenever practicable. This is being done all over the state.

I suggest the following for your consideration:

Red House and Black or Dozier schools be united and a two room house erected.

Pilot Knob and Narrow Gap.

Berea and Middletown, (colored).

Valley View and Miller.

Wallacetown and Estridge.

Valley View colored school should be discontinued and put in some other district.

Having studied the conditions of our schools closely, I am forced to this conclusion.

The County Board may build better houses, and supplement the salaries of teachers, and do all in their power, but unless the local communities take more interest and are more careful in selecting teachers, your work will be in vain.

In conclusion allow me to suggest a few important questions which should be asked every applicant before deciding upon her appointment as teacher:

1. How many pupils were enrolled in your last school?

2. What was your daily average?

3. Have you been solicited to teach again in the same school?

4. Have you had any Normal training?

5. Did you quit your school before it was out?

6. Do you expect to follow teaching as a profession?

The answer to the above questions will enable you to judge the teacher.

In conclusion, I desire to thank the Board of Education for the courtesy accorded me while in

## BOY HELD ON CHICKEN CHARGE

Burt Wilson, of Berea, was held to await action of the grand jury next month in county court Tuesday morning on a charge of chicken stealing. His bond was fixed at \$200. The young man, George Wilson and Arnold Baker were accused of stealing chickens from Isaac VanWinkle, of Berea. The warrant was taken out on Squire Isaac's court at Berea, but transferred here when he resigned. A deputy sheriff of Rockcastle county caught Burt Wilson, but the other boys got away. All claim to be innocent.

## Compromisers Can't Agree

(By Associated Press)  
Washington, Jan. 20—Bulletin—Senate leaders participating in the bi-partisan conferences for a compromise on reservations to the peace treaty today reported they were close to suspension of the conference because of disagreement over the reservation regarding equality of voting in League of Nations. Meanwhile the republican "mild reservationists" and a group of democrats desiring ratification were considering launching a new and independent movement for compromise.

## RICHMOND BOYS IN FLORIDA FIRE

**Winter Home of K. M. I. Is Destroyed In Florida But No Student Is Injured**

Telegrams from Eau Gallie, Fla., where is located the winter home of the Kentucky Military Institute, were received here Tuesday morning, telling of the destruction of the buildings by fire at an early hour. Four Richmond boys are among the big body of students all of whom were saved. Most of the local boys have wired their parents that they are safe. The Associated Press dispatch received by the Daily Register, said that several students sustained minor injuries, and that the loss in buildings will amount to \$50,000.

The Richmond boys who are attending the K. M. I. are William Wagers, son of Mr. and Mrs. Jonah Wagers, David Williams, son of Dr. and Mrs. D. J. Williams, Rollins Burnam, son of Mr. and Mrs. T. S. Burnam and a young Stagner, whose given name could not be learned when this was written.

Details of the conflagration could not be learned. The K. M. I. boys go annually to Florida in a special train and remain until spring time. The permanent home of the institution is at Lyndon, a few miles south of Louisville. Eau Gallie is about 150 miles south of Jacksonville, Fla., and is said to be a delightful place in every way, where the youngsters can obtain outdoor exercise, boating, swimming, etc., while at the same time pursuing their studies. The A. P. dispatch received here, merely said this.

Eau Gallie, Fla., Jan. 20—The winter home of the Kentucky Military Institute was destroyed by fire early today, causing a loss of \$50,000 and minor injury to several students.

## STRONG INDICTMENT AGAINST SOCIALISTS

(By Associated Press)  
Albany, N. Y., Jan. 19—The General Assembly judiciary committee which is trying five suspended Socialist members, refused at the opening of the trial here today to note the appearance of the New York City Bar Association headed by Chas. E. Hughes, which asked he be received in the public interest. A statement issued by the committee said the defendants "are with others engaged in a large and well organized conspiracy," to destroy the right to own property, to weaken the family, destroy the church and overturn the whole fabric of a constitutional form of government.

## ADMIRAL MAYO TELLS OF AWARDS

(By Associated Press)  
Washington, Jan. 19—Rear Admiral Henry Mayo, commander-in-chief of the United States fleet during the war, told the Senate committee investigating naval awards today that his letter in December to Secretary Daniels declaring the Knight board did not give sufficient consideration to service at sea, particularly not to members of his staff, was not to be considered in any sense one of protest. He took the view, however, diametrically opposed to Admiral Sims.

## Hun Leader Says Dutch Won't Surrender Kaiser

(By Associated Press)  
Paris, Jan. 20—Belief that efforts of the allies to get former Emperor William out of Holland, would prove unsuccessful were expressed today by Baron Kurt Von Lersner, Germany's chief representative here. Surrender of the former kaiser for trial to allies he characterized as "contrary to any law or precedent" and declared he "is absolutely sure Holland will never surrender him."

## Flu Epidemic Not Serious

Washington, Jan. 19—There is nothing in the present influenza situation in the United States to cause alarm, Surgeon General Blue, of the public health service said today.

## TAKING INVENTORY WATHEN DISTILLERY

(By Associated Press)  
Louisville, Jan. 19—Elwood Hamilton, Collector of Internal Revenue, is quoted today as saying no more seizures of distilleries in Kentucky are contemplated for lowering the seizure of the Wathen plant here yesterday. Meanwhile an inventory of the contents of the Wathen distillery and warehouses is being taken by employees of the internal revenue department. The seized whisky is estimated at from 35,000 to 50,000 barrels. At a tentative retail price of \$8 a gallon, it would be worth \$11,000,000 to \$16,000,000. If there are found fraud practices all will be subject to forfeiture.

## KNIGHTS OF PYTHIAS INSTALL OFFICERS

A large number of members of the Normal City Lodge, K. of P., were present on Thursday evening, to participate in the installation of officers for the term ending July 1st. The following officers were installed by Deputy Grand Chancellor W. P. Higgins:

T. S. Todd, C. C., Hubert Willoughby, V. C.; Robert L. Garrett, Prelate. Willis Kennedy, K. R. and Chas. Nelson, M. A.; Chester Jones, I. G.; L. C. Rowlett, O. G.

During the meeting, the following members were chosen to serve on the various committees for the term:

Examination and Instruction of Candidates—J. W. Norman, F. M. Stivers, W. F. Higgins and Willis Kennedy.

Publicity Committee—W. F. Higgins, F. L. Russell, S. M. Sawley.

Membership Committee—J. S. Stanifer, Oscar Stivers, H. B. Sallee, and Lonie Abrams.

Visitation Committee—W. G. Crutcher, L. C. Rowlette, M. C. Murphy.

Entertainment Committee—Willis Kennedy, W. F. Higgins, and Earl McDougle.

## TOBACCO PRICES ARE STILL ASCENDING

The tobacco market seems to get higher and higher. Sales this week are reported as at least 10 cents a pound higher on reds than last week, and there seems no limit to the figure that bright color stuff will bring. Of course the growers are rejoicing as well they have a right to. The Richmond warehouses are getting them more money than they ever dreamed of before. Some sales recently noted on the local breaks are as follows:

Walker and Dillion sold the following baskets: 355 lbs at 51c; 255 lbs at 62c; 235 lbs at 74c; 315 lbs at 96c; 95 lbs at 93c; 260 lbs at 99c; 300 lbs at 96c; 245 lbs at 40c; 320 lbs at 40c; 290 lbs at 87c; 155 lbs at 5c; 155 lbs at 5c; 155 lbs at 67c; 135 lbs at 90c.

Brandenburg and Rhodus sold the following baskets: 65 lbs at 86c; 215 lbs at 98c; 510 lbs at 91c; 320 lbs at 98c; 230 lbs at 91c; 420 lbs at 99c; 165 lbs at 99c; 210 lbs at 99c; 510 lbs at 90c; 415 lbs at 86c; 235 lbs at 85c; 335 lbs at 85c; 485 lbs at 68c; 490 lbs at 65c; 255 lbs at 45c; 220 lbs at 7c.

J. K. Herring sold the following baskets: 185 lbs at 65c; 280 lbs at 91c; 205 lbs at 99c; 220 lbs at 99c; 205 lbs at 99c; 125 lbs at 98c; 105 lbs at 99c; 110 lbs at 87c; 75 lbs at 82c.

Morgan and Martin sold the following baskets: 415 lbs at 77c; 290 lbs at 30c; 340 lbs at 59c; 320 lbs at 68c; 150 lbs at 79c; 260 lbs at 81c; 180 lbs at 80c.

## THE BEST COUGH MEDICINE

When a druggist finds that his customers all speak well of a certain preparation, he forms a good opinion of it and when in need of such a medicine is almost certain to use it himself and in his family. This is why so many druggists use and recommend Chamberlain's Cough Remedy. J. B. Jones, a well known druggist of Cuburn, Ky., says, "I have used Chamberlain's Cough Remedy in my family for the best cough medicine I have ever known."

NOW is the time people are eating fresh fish and oysters, and we are receiving them daily. Neff's Fish and Oyster House. phone 431.

## BURTON SAYS HOME FOLKS HAD BAND OUT

**After He Had Voted With Republicans In Senate—Important Bills In Legislature**

Frankfort, Ky., Jan. 20—Senator C. W. Burton, of Williamsburg, a democrat, whose vote with the republicans lost the democrats control of the Senate, defended his action by a speech in the Senate.

"I had a telegram last Saturday night" said Senator Burton, "asking me if it were true, as reported in Louisville papers, that I would not be back in Frankfort for the rest of the session. I wired them as quickly as I could that if I were alive I would be back here today, and here I am. And I desire to say right here on the floor of this Senate that I never did have any idea of going away to stay, and that I never run away from anybody."

"It is the guilty who flee when no man pursueth, and I expect to be right here at the end of the session."

"I desire to make a statement about the way I was received at home. We have a little band down there that plays 'Dixie' and 'Star Spangled Banner,' and other popular airs. This band met me at the train and 40 of the best democrats in Grant county escorted me to the city hall, where I explained to them what I did down here last week and why I did it."

"Every action I have taken on this floor I am proud of. My people at home told me: 'Whenever there's a time when it comes to choose between Bolshevism and the republican party, you take the republicans. And gentlemen that's what I'm going to do.'"

"Representative Arch L. Hamilton, introduced a joint resolution providing that all amendments to the Constitution of the United States shall be submitted to the voters of the state for ratification or rejection before the General Assembly shall act on them."

The Senate passed a resolution providing for a committee of five comprising three House members two republicans and one democrat, and two Senators, a republican and a democrat, to visit the state charitable institutions and determine their needs.

Free scholarships to the University of Kentucky and the State Normal schools for all residents of Kentucky who were in military service would be available if the bill introduced by Senator Harlan were adopted.

Senator Will Perry, of Louisville, offered a bill looking toward the elimination of party emblems from voting ballots, and the grouping of all candidates, regardless of party, for each office under the heading of that office, thus making it necessary for the voter to cast his ballot in each case for the man and not the party.

The much talked of "housing bill" regulating the construction, reconstruction, alteration, maintenance, light, ventilation, sanitation, inspection and safety control of dwellings in cities of the first, second, third and fourth classes, was introduced by Senator Hon.

Senator Simmons introduced an anti-hand-book bill and a bill providing for a minimum wage commission.

The appointment of a State Highway Commission to provide for co-operating with the federal government in constructing rural post roads is provided for in Representative Carlo's bill. The commission of four members appointed by the Governor, with an executive officer known as the Director of the Highway Commission.

The abolition of the office of Commonwealth's Attorney is provided for in Representative Lawrence's measure. He would assign the duties of the office of Commonwealth's Attorney to the office of the County Attorney.

The bill drawn by Adjutant General Dewese to increase the efficiency of his department and cut down expense was introduced by Representative Mason. The office force of twelve would be reduced to six, and the following increases in salary would be made—Adjutant General, from \$2,000 to \$3,000 annually; Assistant Adjutant General, from \$1,200 to \$2,000, and supply office \$1,500.

The mussel shell and the trading stamp bills, which have made their appearance in the last three

or four sessions, were introduced. Representative Hayes would authorize the Fish and Game Commission to take over the mussel shell beds in the Ohio river, and Representative Lazarus sent up the bill which is designed to suppress trading stamps.

An appropriation of \$50,000 to buy the property of Mrs. John W. Rodman and Mrs. Wm. Cromwell which adjoins the capitol grounds is asked for in the bill of Representative Meyers.

Many other bills were introduced, a majority of them of a local nature.

## THE MARKETS

Cincinnati—Hogs 25c higher; Chicago 10c higher; butcher cattle and calves steady.

Louisville, Jan. 19—Cattle 200; steady; tops \$13.50; hogs 1,300; mostly 25c higher; tops \$15.25; sheep 50; steady and unchanged.

## Weather For Kentucky

Rain tonight possibly turning to snow and colder Wednesday; cloudy and colder; probably local snows.

## MADISON HOUSE ENTERTAINS BUYERS

One of the most delightful suppers that "Joe" ever served graced the banquet which the directors of the Old Madison Tobacco Warehouse gave in honor of the buyers and other prominent tobacco men Monday night. The occasion was a happy one in every way and all who were fortunate enough to be present, were loud in their praise of the entertainment which was given by this popular house, which has already done so much for its friends during the present season. Among those seated at the tables were Messrs. Harrison, Pettis, Judy, Smithson, Patton, Perkins, Vernon Leer, S. A. D. Jones, R. E. Baker, Elmer Deatherage, Stone Norman, Ben Norment, Jesse Cobb, John Turley, Arthur Craycraft, Jake Berger, Charles Wagers, Percy Reid, Woods Walker, Luther Burrus, W. C. Bennett, J. Will Wagers and several others whose names were not obtained.

## COAL PRODUCTION IS GREATLY INCREASED

(By Associated Press)

Washington, Jan. 20—President Wilson's strike settlement commission today asked the bituminous coal operators to show what percentage of coal now being sold carries the 14 per cent increase recently given the miners. This information is desired in connection with considerations of the high cost of living and wage statistics to be presented by the mine workers tomorrow.

Meanwhile another angle of the coal situation came to public attention through the report of the geological survey which asserts coal production has increased so rapidly in several mines in the Western and Northwestern fields several of the mines are shut down for lack of orders.

## MONDAY SALES ON OTHER BURLEY BREAKS

Covington—Sales totaled 80,170 pounds, the cash value of which was \$26,970.08, representing an average of \$33.64 per 100 pounds. The offerings were very poor.

Maysville—Market is good on high grades, highest price reaching \$103.10 per 100 lbs at the Home Warehouse, which reports 400,000 lbs sold at from \$1 to \$103. Farmers and Planters sold 108,970 pounds from \$3 to \$99, with \$31.80 average. This market for the past week sold a total of 1,367,135 lbs of tobacco for \$583,461.70 or at a general average of a little more than \$31 per 100 lbs.

Lexington—Reports from four of five houses selling on the Lexington market gave a total of \$90,115 pounds sold for an average of \$57.02. The best crop average reported was \$1 a pound for 7,805 pounds and the best house average \$61.75 a hundred for a floor of 176,055 pounds.

## NO GREAT ACT OF HEROISM REQUIRED

If some great act of heroism was necessary to protect a child from croup, no mother would hesitate to protect her offspring, but when it is only necessary to keep at hand a bottle of Chamberlain's Cough Remedy and give it as soon as the first indication of croup appears, there are many who neglect it. Chamberlain's Cough Remedy is within the reach of all and is prompt and effectual.

## BELOVED BANKER DIES AT STANFORD

**William M. Bright Was Guiding Star Of Lincoln County National Bank Many Years**

Relatives and friends here were greatly saddened Tuesday morning to learn of the death of Wm. M. Bright, which occurred at his home at Stanford at eight o'clock Tuesday morning. They were in a measure prepared for the shock, however, for he had just been brought home from the Mayo sanitarium where he had been undergoing treatment for over a month, and practically no hope was held out for his recovery. He had been a victim of jaundice and a complication of troubles for some time. He was 62 years of age, a native of Lincoln county and a member of one of the most prominent families in that section of the state.

He attended old Central University in Richmond, as classmate of a number of prominent men here today, and was highly esteemed by all. Since a young man he had been connected with the Lincoln County National Bank, of Stanford, and since 1904 had been its cashier, succeeding the late Dr. J. B. Owsley. During that time the bank had grown and prospered under his guiding hand to a remarkable degree. It has been the apple of his eye. He cherished it and loved it and it became known as one of the very best country banks in the south. It almost seems an irony of fate that he should be taken at this time for the bank that he had given his life to, is just completing a handsome new home that is a model in every way. Mr. Bright had long planned it and worked for it. It is fitted with marble and mahogany but others will enjoy the work that he had builded and which was so dear to his heart.

But it was not only in banking circles that he was known. He had a part in every good work. He was a pillar in the First Christian church of Stanford. He owned several handsome farms and was a progressive business man in all that the word implies. He was trusted and beloved by thousands and yet withal was quiet and unassuming, content to go his way, modestly and quietly, yet a power for good in every way in the community, the up-building of which he had so great a part for over a score of years. He will be sadly missed.

Mrs. Bright, who was Miss Lulu McKinney, and two sons, Morrison and Thomas Bright, survive. The deceased was a son of the late John Bright, the famous surveyor of Lincoln county in his earlier days.

## METHODIST REVIVAL

The Methodist church is making very hopeful progress. The Monday services were of unusual interest, large congregation in the afternoon and evening.

In the afternoon Dr. Morrison spoke on the "rest" which comes to those who submit to the government of the divine will and trust in the salvation of the Lord Jesus.

He argued that rest can only be found in Christ when one is willing to take the yoke of Christ and submit to Christ's will and correction.

At the evening service the evangelist preached on the "New Birth," and drew the line very clearly between mere church membership and the regenerating power of God which brings one into the kingdom.

A very profitable after service was held in the Sunday school room.

There are indications of a very wide and deep interest. People are coming to the services from the country and adjoining towns. Meetings will continue through the entire week; afternoons at 2:30, evenings at 7:15.

## DON'T YOU FORGET IT

Bear in mind that Chamberlain's Tablets not only move the bowels but improve the appetite and strengthen the digestion. They contain no poison or other digestive ferment but strengthen the stomach and enable it to perform its functions naturally.

Mr. and Mrs. Charley Noland spent last week with relatives at Union City and Runyon's Grove.